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1. NATO: EXTENSIVE RADIO, TELEVISION, AND PRESS COVERAGE WAS GIVEN TO RETURN OF PORTUGUESE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION FROM NATO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY IN WILLIAMSBURG. THE FAVORABLE REACTION OF VASCO DA GAMA FERNANDES, CHIEF OF PORTUGUESE DELEGATION, WAS REPORTED IN "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" NOVEMBER 22: "I WAS SATISFIED AND EVEN PROUD TO SEE THE RESPECT THAT OUR COUNTRY MERITED. THE RECEPTIVITY TO PORTUGAL IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT TODAY". THE ROUTINE VISIT TO LISBON OF NATO SUPREME COMMANDER ADMIRAL ISAAC KIDD ALSO RECEIVED HEAVY PRESS COVERAGE.

2. U.S. FOREIGN POLICY: "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" REPORTED IN STRAIGHTFORWARD FASHION NOVEMBER 22 THE FOLLOWING NEWS ITEMS: SUSPENSION OF SALT NEGOTIATIONS, SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF AMERICAN 200 MILE FISHING LIMITS, AMERICAN DECISION NOT TO VETO PETITION OF ANGOLA FOR ADMISSION TO U.N.

3. OIL PRICE INCREASE: SEVERAL MORNING PAPERS PUBLISHED REUTER BYLINE STATING THAT THE "U.S. AND JAPAN LEAD THE RACE TO MONOPOLIZE OIL PURCHASES BEFORE THE PRICE INCREASES."

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4. UNESCO: IN ARTICLE ENTITLED, "THE GREAT ISSUES OF UNESCO",

WEEKLY "O PAIS" ON NOVEMBER 19 DESCRIBED THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE THREE LAYERS OF THE UNESCO "SANDWICH" - THE CAPITALIST, SOCIALIST AND "THIRD WORLD" COUNTRIES. U.S. PROPOSAL TO FORM TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION WAS REPORTED IN NOVEMBER 22 ISSUE OF "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS".

5. CARTER FOREIGN POLICY: "A CAPITAL" ARTICLE OF NOVEMBER 19 TAKEN FROM FRANCE PRESS WIRE SERVICES WAS HEADLINED, "THE GEORGIANS INVADE WASHINGTON". ARTICLE DESCRIBED TRANSITION TEAM IN STRAIGHTFORWARD FASHION BUT STATED THAT WASHINGTON NATIVES LOOKED AT THE NEW-COMERS AS ONE MIGHT VIEW "THE HORDES OF ATILLA THE HUN". "O SEculo" NOVEMBER 19 CARRIED HEADLINE ATTRIBUTING RELEASE OF CHILEAN POLITICAL PRISONERS TO CARTER DENUNCIATIONS. "O PARIS" NOVEMBER 19 CARRIED ARTICLE HEADLINED, "THE NEW AMERICAN POLITICS WILL DECIDE THE FUTURE OF EUROPE". DISCUSSING THE PRECEPTS OF CARTER FOREIGN POLICY, ARTICLE CONCLUDED: "A LUCID STATESMAN WILL CHANGE, SUBSTANTIALLY, THE POLITICS OF THE U.S. -- STRENGTHENING IT. MUCH DEPENDS ON THE NOMINATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL TEAM. CARTER, INSTEAD OF WAIVERING, WILL GIVE A FIRM HAND TO EXPERIENCED MEN AND INTREPID DEFENDERS OF REALISTIC MEASURES."

6. THE KGB ON TV: A BBC DOCUMENTARY SHOWN ON PORTUGUESE TELEVISION NOVEMBER 18 PRODUCED A TREMENDOUS PRESS REACTION. "JORNAL NOVO" NOVEMBER 19 CARRIED FRONT PAGE HEADLINE: "EXPLAINED - THE LAST TWO YEARS IN PORTUGAL". ARTICLE PRAISED PROGRAM, CLNCLUDING: "THROUGH THIS PROGRAM, THE PORTUGUESE COULD SEE THE HEART OF A POLITICAL POLICY WHOSE ACTS, METHODS, AND TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL MEANS EXPLAIN, IN LARGE PART, THE TROUBLED PAST TWO AND HALF YEARS WE HAVE BEEN EXPERIMENTING IN PORTUGAL." "A LUTA" OF NOV. 19 PRAISED SHOW, STATING: "THE PORTUGUESE WATCHING THIS PROGRAM NOW UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ALVARO CUNHAL'S (PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER) SMILE". COMMUNIST TELEVISION CRITIC IN "DIARIO DE LISBOA" NOVEMBER 19 REACTED STRONGLY AGAINST PROGRAM. TYPICAL OF HIS STATEMENTS IN ARTICLE ENTITLED, "TELEVISION IN THE SERVICE OF REACTION": "ORGANIZATIONS TO DEFEND THE STATE EXIST IN FRANCE, ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES, BUT IN UNCLASSIFIED

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THESE COUNTRIES, THE POLICE DEFEND THE STATE OF EXPLOITATION, CAPITALISTS, MURDERERS, AND PROTECTORS OF SALAZAR AND PINOCHET. IN THE SOVIET UNION, THE POLICE DEFEND THE STATE OF WORKERS, PEACE-LOVERS, AND THE WELL-BEING OF A SOCIETY FREE FROM EXPLOITATION, HUNGER, AND MISERY." JORDAN

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